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Presentation of findings for Northern Territory (NT) government schools, for Northern Territory Government Department of Education and Training - How are primary education health and physical education (HPE) teachers best prepared?

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Presentation of Findings

Northern Territory (NT)

Government schools

NT schools (total)

Total returned surveys	3
Total NT government school surveys	3
% within territory	100.0%

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

Classroom teacher	1	(33.3%)
Classroom & specialist HPE	1	(33.3%)
Sport Rec officer, Principal & teachers	1	(33.3%)

2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/not applicable	3	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	3	(100.0%)
No	0	

Summary of comments explaining why:

They are better trained, better skilled and more comprehensive. There are also less injuries with skilled staff

The specifics of PE can be focussed upon, across the school – which really gives a whole school picture of fitness, skill sets and ability



4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications

Yes	0	
No	2	(100.0%)
No details/Not Applicable	1	

5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	1	(33.3%)
2 hours	2	(66.7%)
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/ testamur of potential staff?

Yes	3	(100.0%)
No	0	

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	1	(33.3%)
No	2	(66.7%)

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	1	(33.3%)
Probably	0	
Yes	2	(66.7%)

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read “Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)” assist you with the employment of staff?

No	0	
Maybe	2	(66.7%)
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(33.3%)

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

HPE subject knowledge & dev appropriate pedagogy	2 (mentions)
Cater for all learning needs (empathy & support)	1
Engage students	1
Is always positive	1
Rapport /communication and management skills	1
Planning/ assessment and flexibility (organised)	1
Introduce a variety and range of physical activities	1
Integrated with year levels	1

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

No details/Not Applicable	3	(100.0%)
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Small sized schools (less than 100 children) NT

- 2 returned surveys

Total returned surveys	2
Total ACT government school surveys	3
% within territory	66.7%

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

Classroom teachers	1	(50.0%)
Sport Rec officer, Principal & teachers	1	(50.0%)

2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/Not Applicable	2	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	2	(100.0%)
No	0	(%)

Comments explaining why:

They are better trained, better skilled and more comprehensive. There are also less injuries with skilled staff.

4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)
No details/Not Applicable	1	

5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	0	
2 hours	2	(100.0%)
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/ testamur of potential staff?

Yes	2	(100.0%)
No	0	

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	1	(50.0%)
No	1	(50.0%)

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	1	(50.0%)
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(50.0%)

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read “Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)” assist you with the employment of staff?

No	0	
Maybe	1	(50.0%)
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(50.0%)

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

HPE subject knowledge & dev appropriate pedagogy	1 (mentions)
Cater for all learning needs (empathy & support)	1
Engage students	1
Is always positive	1
Rapport /communication and management skills	1

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

No details/Not Applicable	2	(100.0%)
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Medium sized schools (100 – 300 children) NT

- 1 returned survey

Total returned surveys	1	
Total NT government school surveys	3	
% within territory	33.3%	

1. Which teachers are responsible for HPE in your school (eg. Classroom, specialist HPE, outsourced)?

Classroom teachers and specialist HPE	1	(100.0%)
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2. If HPE is outsourced please give details of what is outsourced and background/qualifications of the people who take the classes?

No details/not applicable	1	(100.0%)
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3. Do you prefer to have specialist HPE teachers in your school?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	(%)

Comments explaining why:

The specifics of PE can be focussed upon, across the school – which really gives a whole school picture of fitness, skill sets and ability

4. If your school does have a HPE specialist teacher, do they have specific HPE qualifications?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)
No details/Not Applicable	0	

5. On average how much time of PE (lesson) engagement do students in your school receive weekly?

None	0	
Half an hour	0	
1 hour	1	(100.0%)
2 hours	0	
3 hours or more	0	

6. When employing staff, do you look at the university certificate/ testamur of potential staff?

Yes	1	(100.0%)
No	0	

7. When employing teachers do you peruse university transcripts of results?

Yes	0	
No	1	(100.0%)

8. As a Principal, would a course that qualifies teachers to be generalist classroom teachers and HPE specialists be of value?

No	0	
Maybe	0	
Probably	0	
Yes	1	(100.0%)

9. Would a testamur/ certificate that read "Bachelor of Primary Education (Health and Physical Education)" assist you with the employment of staff?

No	0	
Maybe	1	(100.0%)
Probably	0	
Yes	0	

10. What are the key attributes of a good HPE teacher?

HPE subject knowledge & dev appropriate pedagogy	1 (mentions)
Planning/ assessment and flexibility (organised)	1
Introduce a variety and range of physical activities	1
Integrated with year levels	1

11. Are there any other details you would like to add on the issue of quality HPE experiences for children in schools?

No details/Not Applicable	1	(100.0%)
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